



**Which of these words describe the pictures??**

- A- extreme poverty
- B- equality
- C- famine
- D- development
- E- inequity in health

## **POVERTY IS THE WORLD'S GREATEST KILLER**

A report of the World Health Organization (WHO) says that more than one-fifth of the 5.6 billion people in the world live in extreme poverty, almost a third of the world's children are undernourished, and half the global population lacks access to essential drugs.

For the first time the WHO has attempted to list the major causes of death and disability in terms of their economic and social context. The report, called Bridging the Gaps, points out that 12.2 million children under five die every year, in many cases for lack of treatments costing 13 p (20 US cents) or less.

The WHO says that poverty is the main reason why babies are not vaccinated, why clean water and sanitation are not provided, why curative drugs and other treatments are not available, and why more than half a million mothers a year die in childbirth. More than a million children a year are still dying of measles, when the vaccine to save them costs 9p (15 cents) each. More than half a million babies die of tetanus, mainly because there are no clean instruments to cut the umbilical cord.

The report demands a much greater investment by wealthy nations in the health of developing countries.

### **1- Put the topics in the order they appear in the text**

- poor health's consequences
- solution to the problem
- poverty in numbers

## **2- Write the opposites of these words.**

\* RICH \_\_\_\_\_

\* WEALTH \_\_\_\_\_

\* LIFE \_\_\_\_\_

\* NOURISHED \_\_\_\_\_

\* ABILITY \_\_\_\_\_

\* UNAVAILABLE \_\_\_\_\_

## **3- Answer the questions about the text**

- a. What is “WHO”?
- b. How many people live in extreme poverty?
- c. Tell the name of a report
- d. According to the report, how many children under five die every year?
- e. Why children are not vaccinated?
- f. What does the report demand?